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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—163) **Pages S2319–20, S2330–33, S2338**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2359.)

Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn. **Page S2359**

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for defense innovation and research, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Alan Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Development Research and Engineering, and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: FEMA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency (FEMA), after receiving testimony from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine reform of the defense acquisition system in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Air Force and Navy nuclear programs and the implementation of nuclear enterprise review recommendations in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Major General Garrett Harencak, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Lieutenant General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Vice Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, and Yisroel E. Brumer, Director, Strategic, Defensive and Space Programs, Office of the Secretary, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense; and Madelyn R. Creedon, Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

WEATHER COMMUNICATION TO ENHANCE COMMERCE AND SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how to better communicate weather to enhance commerce and safety, after receiving testimony from Don Herme, Manatee County Emergency Management, Bradenton, Florida; Jay Trobec, Keloland Television, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Ron Sznajder, Schneider Electric, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Kim Klockow, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Silver Spring, Maryland.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, after receiving testimony from Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Lewis Ledford, National Association of State Park Directors, Raleigh, North Carolina; Lynn Scarlett, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; and Reed Watson, Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Bozeman, Montana.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vanessa Lorraine Allen Sutherland, of Virginia, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of S. 995, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, an original bill relating to extension of the trade adjustment assistance program, and amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals, an original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and an original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

STATE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine State Department reauthorization, focusing on ensuring effective United States diplomacy within a reasonable budget, after receiving

testimony from Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

SECURING THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding threats and strategies for the northern border, after receiving testimony from Michael Fisher, Chief, Border Patrol, and John Wagner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, both of Customs and Border Protection, and James C. Spero, Special Agent in Charge, Homeland Security Investigations Buffalo, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Dave Rodriguez, Director, Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, Department of Justice.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on pathways to safer roads in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Delbert A. McOmie, Wyoming Department of Transportation Chief Engineer, Cheyenne; J. Michael Chavarria, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Espanola, New Mexico; Rick Kirn, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and John Smith, Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation, Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 710, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with an amendment.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 1926–1980; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 219, were introduced. **Pages H2415–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2419–20**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2359**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2365**